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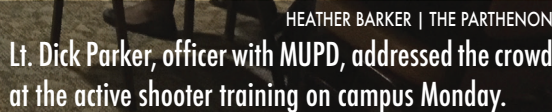
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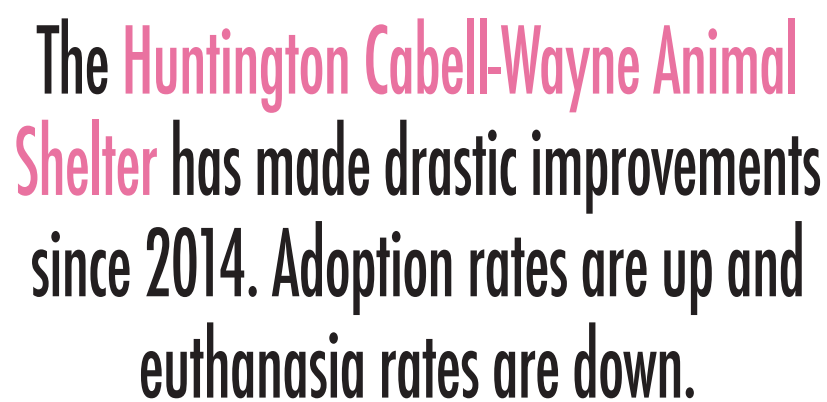
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Training addresses how students should react in an active shooter situation

"It's something that's part of life now, unfortunately," said junior sports broadcasting major Dylan Stone. "There are people out there that come into places with the intent to harm people and I think it's important that everybody knows what the protocol for trying to get out of a situation like that is."

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If a situation arises on campus, students should contact MUPD.



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GOP governors who turned down Medicaid money have hands out

By THOMAS BEAUMONT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican governors who turned down billions in federal dollars from an expansion of Medicaid under President Barack Obama’s health care law now have their hands out in hopes the GOP-controlled Congress comes up with a new formula to provide insurance for low-income Americans.

The other GOP governors, such as Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who agreed to expand state-run services in exchange for federal help — more than a dozen out of the 31 states — are adamant that Congress maintain the financing that has allowed them to add millions of low-income people to the health insurance.

These two groups of Republicans embody the difficulty the emboldened GOP congressional majorities face: Make good on their promises to repeal the 2010 health care law while preserving popular provisions.

With Congress starting to consider plans for annulling and reshaping Obama’s overhaul, Republican governors and lieutenant governors from 10 states met privately for more than two hours Thursday with GOP members of the Senate Finance Committee and raised concerns about how lawmakers will reshape Medicaid.

“They’re worried about how it all works out,” Finance panel chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said after the session in a Senate office building.

GOP senators and governors stressed the need for giving states more flexibility to shape their Medicaid programs. That’s a change that worries Democrats, who say some states would inevitably end up covering fewer people or offering skimpier benefits.

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson said governors could find savings by being allowed to impose “work incentives” for some beneficiaries. Kasich

suggested shifting people who earn just above the poverty level from Medicaid to the online exchanges that Obama’s law created for buying coverage.

“I think they understand this is not simple and I think they know they have to get it right,” Kasich said.

A chief worry by governors was whether states that accepted extra federal money to expand Medicaid to more people would lose that extended coverage. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said afterward that “it ain’t going to happen,” though he did not detail how.

In a letter he carried to Capitol Hill, Kasich warned that repealing Obama’s law without an alternative in place could interrupt health care coverage for hundreds of thousands in Ohio and urged he “be granted the flexibility to retain the adult Medicaid coverage expansion.” Ohio has added roughly 700,000 recipients to the program since the law took effect in 2013.

Unlike Kasich, 19 Republican governors successfully defied the Affordable Care Act’s mandate that states open up Medicaid to more people.

It was a major expansion of the state-federal health insurance system whose primary purpose has grown in its 52 years from backstop medical assistance for the poor to the go-to program for closing gaps in private health insurance system.

In the three years since the Affordable Care Act went into effect, Medicaid enrollment has grown by about 18 million people, to roughly 75 million, according to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker notably turned down more than \$500 million for his state. Determined to win over conservative voters for his presidential bid, he doubted the federal government would keep its word to cover 100 percent of expansion costs in

the first three years, and 90 percent over the long term.

On average, the federal government’s contribution accounts for 56 percent of a state’s Medicaid budget, making the financing terms under the health care law much more generous.

Republicans have long sought block grants or lump-sum payments for health care. The money has helped them maintain their budgets, while the relative lack of heavy regulation has allowed governors freedom to experiment with social services policy.

But with Republicans, backed by President-elect Donald Trump, pursuing repeal of the law, Walker and others GOP governors are asking specifically for the Medicaid money, and fewer rules for spending it.

“Now that Barack Obama is no longer going to be at the White House, it is going to be much more palatable for Republican governors to seek additional funding,” said Ron Pollack of Families USA, a leading advocate for Obama’s law.

All Democratic governors in office when the law took effect in 2013 agreed to the expansion. Even Republican governors in 11 states agreed to expand Medicaid, some with specific waivers that still allowed them to claim the federal reimbursement.

Now, Republican leaders in states aren’t just asking for money they turned down. They’re asking to change the formula to get back what they lost.

The federal Medicaid formula is based in part on how many enrollees a state had as of 2016. By last year, Michigan, for instance, had added 630,000 recipients since accepting the Medicaid expansion.

But Medicaid in Kansas grew at a far slower rate, given Gov. Sam Brownback’s opposition to the federal law. Now, he wants Congress to change the formula to benefit his state.

Manchin and Capito, reintroduce Miners Protection Act

By KYLEE HURLEY
THE PARTHENON

United State Senators for West Virginia Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito assisted in the reintroduction of the Miners Protection Act.

According to a press release from Manchin, this piece of legislation would ensure retired miners and their families would acquire lifetime pensions and health benefits from the federal government and coal companies.

With West Virginia being a state highly affected by coal operations, this legislation would work to protect the families of miners who struggle with insecurity with finances, according to Manchin’s press release.

Manchin’s press release also notes in December of last year, the United States Senate proposed and passed a resolution that affirmed retired miners would have the assurance of receiving

healthcare through the end of the resolution in April 2017.

“Although I was disappointed when Senate passed a short-term fix to this long-term problem, I was encouraged when Majority Leader McConnell committed to securing a permanent fix for retired miners and their families,” Manchin said in a news release.

The bill states that it is intended to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 in order to transfer funds to the 1974 United Mine Workers of America and the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan to guarantee the families of miners will obtain their benefits.

According to the press release provided on Manchin’s website, the Miners Protection Act was in large part a bipartisan effort. Along with Manchin and Capito, other cosponsors

included Tim Kaine (D-VA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Rob Portman (R-OH), among others.

“I am committed to working with my colleagues in the Trump administration and Congress to protect health benefits for West Virginia’s miners, and the bill I am introducing today is the first step to making that a reality,” Capito said in a news release. “At the same time, we must also advance policies that will put our miners back to work and rebuild local economies that rely on energy production.”

West Virginia has a large role in coal production in the United States, which includes many West Virginias being affected by coal business and jobs. Capito and Manchin both mention coal production at some point in their issues they are working on for their websites.

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Cabell-Wayne Animal Shelter

Shelter takes big steps in helping its residents

By FRANKLIN NORTON
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Cabell-Wayne animal shelter has made drastic improvements since 2014. Adoption rates are up and euthanasia rates are down.

Marshall students are familiar with puppies on campus, a result of various campus organizations hosting Rent-A-Puppy events. For stressed out students, sometimes holding a puppy is just what the doctor ordered. But in all reality, it is the dogs who need this time even more.

Events like Rent-A-Puppy are just a small part of a complete turnaround in the organization and effectiveness of the Huntington Cabell-Wayne Animal Shelter. The shelter has made drastic improvements in just the past couple of years. In 2014, the shelter took in 4,126 animals. Of that number, 1,529 animals were adopted that year, while a total of 2,597 animals were euthanized. That is 44 percent of dogs and 91 percent of cats that came to the shelter in 2014.

Members of the community and the shelter’s board of directors wanted these numbers to change, so through community action and partnership with rescues, the shelter has now seen a difference in their numbers. In just this past year, 2100 animals were adopted, while only 835 were euthanized. That is 14 percent of dogs, and 43 percent of cats.

Director of the shelter Scott Iseli credits these numbers to shelter staff, its board of directors, local rescues like Advocates Saving Adoptable Pets (ASAP), One by One Animal Advocates and Louie’s Legacy, and an outpouring of community support and donations.

“It’s everybody,” Iseli said. “It started

with the staff working with the rescues and the communities donating. We didn’t have the community support in the past. It was viewed as a negative place, because the euthanasia rates were so high, and the directors didn’t work with rescues. We need rescues. We need them to help us. If they’re not here we’re going to have to euthanize. We are not a no-kill shelter, because we have to go by state laws. But we can make those numbers better if everyone gets involved and helps.”

Things are looking up for shelter animals. Recently due to community funding and donations, the shelter has put in a new heating and air conditioning system this past summer, so animals are less sick. Also, the shelter was able to build a new barn facility on site, giving more space for more animals.

“The shelter is a better place,” Iseli said. “It is more friendly. We do off-site adoptions. Some people don’t want to come to the shelter—It’s a sad place, it is. And they get to see the dogs off site on the weekends at different stores. We have two big adoption events here, one in the spring time and one in the fall. It’s an open house. We have live music, we have free food and drinks, trying to get everybody involved.”

More adoption opportunities are leading to more adoptions, and Iseli encourages people to adopt animals from the shelter.

“You are actually saving a life here,” he said. “Here, these dogs need somebody to come to adopt them. We have amazing dogs here.”

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Photo: Weekend Recap

Donald J. Trump is sworn in as the 45th President of the United States of America, Friday



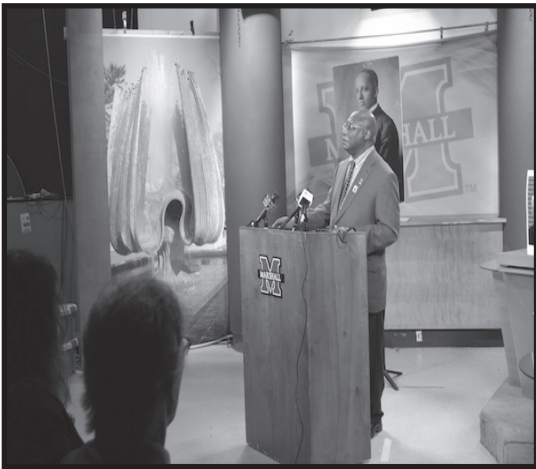
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More than 2,800 attended Saturday’s March on West Virginia, the sister march of the March on Washington, D.C.



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COLUMN

Danalytics: more than just a hashtag

By JOSEPH ASHLEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

What started as a simple post-game interview has transformed and gained a life of its own. After a loss at the University of Pittsburgh, Marshall University coach Dan D'Antoni dropped massive analytic knowledge on a sports reporter that displayed the knowledge D'Antoni has gained over his career.

"The best shot in basketball is that corner three," D'Antoni said. "The next best shot is any other three."

That statement was met by some scattered laughter through the room, which compelled a further explanation from D'Antoni.

"Other than free throws, which we try to do, you score 1.5 points per trip to the foul line in the pros, it trickles down a little for college kids," D'Antoni said as he continued his conference. "If you have a clean, uncontested layup, its 1.8 points. It's 1.3 from the corner, and 1.27 any other 3. A contested post up is .78"

The source of those numbers is the Houston Rockets. While that is a professional team, the view of where the Thundering Herd measures up is in question. According to ESPN, Marshall is 210-544 from behind the arc this season. That comes out to roughly .386 shot percentage, and more importantly 630 points in 544 attempts.

While this is a telling stat, this does not tell the entire story; this does not exclude full court shots taken at the end of games or halves, or shots where the shooter was fouled. It also does not exclude shots taken when the contest is decided but the game has time remaining.

The most recent home game Saturday against Western Kentucky, a turnover by the Hilltoppers left Jon Elmore with the ball, Stevie Browning streaking toward the basket with neither being defended. Traditional wisdom would dictate a layup by Elmore or a pass to open Browning for a layup. Elmore opted for the analytical play; he spotted up at the elbow extension behind the arc and fired up a three. Browning was set up for the rebound if necessary minimizing risk of a miss to result in maintained possession, but it ultimately was not required.

For a smaller sample size, Marshall shot 19-41 from three-point range last Saturday. For the purpose, .463 shooting resulting in 57 points from 41 attempts. That results in 1.39 points per attempt in that game. While those numbers scale higher than analytics, and also match a school record in made three-point field goals, it could have still been higher as Marshall missed the last four three-point attempts.

With the style of play dictating the shooting, this team is on pace to potentially challenge the record of 375 three-point field goals for a team in a single season. According to C-USA, the current record holder is Houston 2007/08 season. To beat this, the Thundering Herd would need to average higher than 15 made per game for the remainder of the season, but the record includes post season play, for both the conference tournament and NCAA or NIT. While this is an obtainable record, it's only part of the team's goal.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Marshall men's basketball snapped their two-game losing streak Saturday against Western Kentucky. The Herd remained undefeated at home with their 94-80 win over the Hilltoppers. The men's team returns home Thursday to face UTSA. The game tips-off at 7 p.m.

Herd look to continue winning ways against UTSA

BY PATRICK O'LEARY
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's basketball team will look to continue several streaks when the team faces off with the University of Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners on Thursday at the Cam Henderson Center in Huntington.

The Herd (12-8, 5-2 C-USA) has a 10-0 record at home this season, and is 3-0 at home in Conference USA play. The team is coming off of an impressive 94-80 victory at home over Western Kentucky last Saturday on a night in which the team tied a school and Conference USA record for made three-pointers in a game with 19. The win was especially important after losing two games in a row the previous week at Middle Tennessee and UAB. Now after getting back into the winning column, the team will look to create another winning streak.

"We got back to playing Marshall basketball," junior guard Jon Elmore said following the team's victory over Western Kentucky. "We dropped those two games in a row, but if we can get rolling here and start running off some wins against [UTSA and UTEP] and get a streak going, that would just fuel us for our next road trip."

UTSA (9-10, 4-2 C-USA) is the only team other than Marshall in Conference USA to not have lost a home game at all this season. They are 8-0 overall in San Antonio this season, and 3-0 in C-USA play when playing at home. However, they are 1-10 on the road this season, and are coming off of a 59-39 loss at UTEP last Saturday.

The Roadrunners leading scorer is 6'6 junior forward Jeff Beverly. Beverly averages 15.4 points per game, and is a former walk-on on the UTSA

football team as a tight end. He redshirted last season as he decided to join the basketball team. Beverly is also tied as the team leader in rebounds, averaging 6.5 boards alongside freshman guard Byron Frohnen. The two have both started all 19 games for the Roadrunners under first year head coach and former NBA player Steve Henson.

Marshall has a serious advantage over UTSA due to the game being in Huntington. Marshall will look to continue its undefeated record at home, and push UTSA to a 1-11 record on the road. Marshall is undefeated at home in large thanks to the strong home court advantage that the Cam Henderson Center has become. The crowd had a direct impact on the game Saturday.

"You could feel the momentum build up," senior guard Stevie Browning said. "The crowd really got

into it. Our defense amped up and we were taking some things away from [Western Kentucky]."

Elmore said the players "felt the energy of the crowd." A crowd of 6,813, the largest of the season, gave the Herd the energy to take down the Hilltoppers. Now, with two home games coming up for Marshall, the Herd has a good chance to extend several streaks in remaining undefeated at home, remaining undefeated at home in C-USA play, and to win three consecutive games going into another road trip. The team will also look to win two consecutive against the Roadrunners, as the Herd defeated UTSA 109-91 last year in San Antonio. Tip-off for Marshall's game against UTSA on Thursday is set for 7 p.m.

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Kicker commits to MU

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"I am blessed to say that I have committed to play football at Marshall"

Track break records

Marshall track and field's Barkley Castro and Adriana Cook broke school records this weekend in Blacksburg. Castro set a new record in the 1000m, running a 2:57.11, while Cook ran a 10:00:06 in the 3000m.

By the Numbers

57 The Marshall men's basketball team scored 57 points from three-point land Saturday night against Western Kentucky. The Herd made 19 threes, tying the school single-game record set back in 1996 against Morehead State, which they won 115-93.

C-USA Standings

Men's		
1	MTSU	(7-0, 17-3)
2	La. Tech	(6-1, 14-6)
3	UAB	(5-1, 128)
	Marshall	(5-2, 12-8)
4	UTSA	(4-2, 9-10)
5	ODU	(4-3, 11-8)
6	UTEP	(3-3, 5-13)
8	Rice	(3-4, 13-7)
	WKU	(3-4, 9-11)

Women's		
1	Charlotte	(6-1, 14-4)
	WKU	(6-1, 14-5)
	MTSU	(6-1, 11-7)
4	UTSA	(5-1, 9-8)
5	La. Tech	(4-3, 9-9)
6	North Texas	(3-4, 6-12)
	So. Miss	(3-4, 11-8)
	ODU	(3-4, 8-10)
	Marshall	(3-4, 11-7)
	UAB	(3-4, 10-8)

They said it

"We aren't a dominant team, but we're getting there. We are trying to put Marshall basketball on the national map."

- Dan D'Antoni

Loop closes in on record

Marshall men's basketball forward Austin Loop hit five threes Saturday against WKU. Loop now has 244 career threes, putting him second all-time in Marshall history. He needs seven more to tie the record, held by Damier Pitts.

Former QB makes SB 51

Former Marshall quarterback Chad O'Shea is heading to Houston for Super Bowl LI. O'Shea is currently the wide receivers coach for the New England Patriots. O'Shea quarterbacked the Herd from 1991-93.

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SWIM AND DIVE

Marshall rallies to win James Madison Invitational

HERDZONE

The Marshall swimming and diving team pulled off a huge comeback win on the strength of seven wins out of 10 events today against James Madison University. The final score 190.5 - 179.5.

Down 15 after day one, the Herd outscored JMU 105-79 on day two. Marshall also defeated VMI, 157-12.

Marshall was led by freshman Sirena Rowe who picked up another individual win and was on two winning relays. For the meet, Rowe was undefeated in all six of her races.

"We are so proud of our team today," head coach Bill Tramel said. "This morning we talked about a path to victory. That path was simply performing like we were capable of performing. Nothing special, just what we are capable of. We did just that."

Marshall started the morning with a victory in the 400 Medley Relay. Rowe,

Catherine Bendziewicz, Chloe Parsemain and Gloriya Mavrova finished 3:51.23, a season best unrested.

The Marshall divers lined up next. Senior Megan Wolons battled dive for dive throughout the competition as did fellow Senior Kelly Toner. On the last dive, Wolons jumped into second by one point. Toner finished fifth.

The Herd followed diving with five event wins in a row, starting with the 200 free relay. The team of Lauren Cowher, Rowe, Mavrova and Parsemain touched out JMU by only 18 one-hundredths of a second.

"Winning the first relay set the tone. Then we took a gamble with personnel for the 200 free relay and it paid off with another win. At that point, we had the momentum on our side."

Marshall's tandem of Caroline Wanner, Emma Lockyer and Maddie Schaffer swept the 400 IM. Rowe continued

the streak, winning the 100 free, and Madi Pulfer teamed up with Wanner to finish first and second in the 200 backstroke.

Parsemain won the 100 fly in a Savage Natatorium pool record time of 56.19 breaking a four year old record.

"The 1-2-3 in the 400 IM was somewhat expected. The 1-2 finish in the 200 back was a bit of an upset. Madi (Pulfer) won it and Caroline (Wanner) held off their top backstroker for second. That was huge for Caroline, especially coming out of her 400 IM win. I thought JMU made some smart moves near the end with the 100 fly, but Chloe (Parsemain) is one of the most clutch swimmers I've ever coached. She just won't be denied. We needed an extra special swim and she stepped up with a pool record performance."

JMU finally broke Marshall's event win streak in the 500 free, but the Herd limited

the damage finishing second and fourth. In the final individual event, Bendziewicz won the 200 breast and Lockyer finished third to clinch the meet before the final event.

With the win in hand, Marshall finished strong with a second and third place finish in the final event, the 400 free relay.

"This was such a satisfying win. We really rallied today. So many contributed. Whether it was on a relay or battling for that fifth place point. It's a great team win over an undefeated team who we've never beaten. This sets us up well for next weekend against Vanderbilt. But right now, we should feel good about moving through some adversity. This will make us stronger."

Marshall's next meet is at home against Vanderbilt of the Southeastern Conference. The meet begins at 10:30 am and admission is free.

EDITORIAL

Women’s March celebrates free speech



JARED CASTO | THE PARTHENON

The crowd at Saturday’s Women’s March on West Virginia, which drew nearly 3,000 participants.

Crowds swarmed the streets this weekend in support of the women’s marches that swept the nation in cities like Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago and New York. The current tally is at 3.2 million participants and counting, according to Vice News, which could make the women’s marches Saturday the largest protest in U.S. history.

The time and place of the original march, The Women’s March on Washington, was no coincidence: it occurred a single day after President Donald Trump took the oath of office in the city that he will now govern from. Although organizers have said that the intent of the march was to promote equality rather than bash the new president, countless signs and chants expressing a distaste in the new leader of the free world marked Trump as the symbol of exactly what the marchers were standing against. Looking back at Trump’s run for the presidency, it isn’t

surprising that many protestors took the opportunity to speak their minds about him.

It is events like this that prove the First Amendment is a beautiful thing. It’s even more beautiful when individuals exercise their rights to religion, free speech, assembly, petition and free press. Some people have felt that these rights are threatened by a Trump presidency and that’s what makes the women’s marches so much more powerful.

Women, men and children all across the nation exercised these rights in solidarity with those who feel unsafe within the current political climate.

And it should also be noted that the women’s march was not only prevalent in large cities across the nation. Small cities took part as well, including Charleston in the Women’s March on West Virginia, which took place at the Capitol Complex and drew in nearly 3,000

supporters. This dwarfed the event’s initial goal of 100 attendees and even outpaced the 1,300 who RSVP’d on Facebook.

Other countries and continents expressed interest as well, with marches taking place in London, Mexico City and even Paradise Bay, Antarctica.

To say that the women’s march was a success is an understatement. Yet, people on social media are seemingly still split about the huge turnouts. Some advocate strongly for women’s rights and solidarity in their feminism, while others blatantly argue that women and their allies have no reason to march, that their rights aren’t subject to meddling from the new administration.

Still, the women’s march was an impressive feat no matter how you look at it and it will be interesting to see if future demonstrations have as much success.

STATE EDITORIAL

Mountain State residents must join together to make W.Va. better

TIMES WEST VIRGINIAN

As Gov. Jim Justice took his oath of office Monday at the Capitol in Charleston, he stressed several key points, but the most notable was a simple plea for Mountain State residents to band together to make West Virginia a better place.

“West Virginia has been at the bad end of a lot of jokes, and I don’t like it,” Justice said. “I don’t like that we are 50th in everything. The reason is simple. I can’t stand how good we are and how troubled we are and how many people are hurting.”

Regardless of political affiliations or personal views, residents of West Virginia should be able to rally behind the statements.

At the inaugural ball held at The Greenbrier Monday following Justice being sworn in, he expressed this notion, explaining that we all should have the same goals in mind.

“All we want is goodness for our people, for our state and the great state that it is,” Justice said. “Now, we’ve got work to do — we all know that. We’ve got a hole to dig out of, and we all know that.”

In order to move West Virginia forward and dig out of that hole, we will have to work together. This includes people at all levels, whether it’s politicians working across the aisle in Charleston, local municipalities working with the residents of their communities or simply persons lending a hand to their neighbors, we’re all in this together.

Monday, Justice encouraged those in attendance at the ball to do just that, work together to build a better tomorrow

for West Virginia.

“We’ve got to push the button right now and say, ‘It doesn’t matter if you’re rich, you’re poor, you’re black, you’re white, union or non-union, Republican, you’re Democrat — we’ve got to wake up and realize we’re just West Virginians,’” Justice said.

We echo these sentiments and encourage all Mountain State residents to join together and make West Virginia better. Whether you voted for Justice or not, in the end making your home state a better place to live should be on everyone’s mind.

Stagnation in Charleston is not the answer. Refusing to work together simply because of a difference in political party will not help move West Virginia forward.

Justice stated Monday that it’s time for West Virginia to claim its place. He hopes to boost tourism, keep the younger generation in the state and increase jobs.

We think these are all positive paths for West Virginians to head down, but Justice cannot do it alone.

As he left office Monday, former Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin expressed his confidence that Justice will help lead West Virginia into a brighter future.

“Today, as we look to the future, I can think of no better person than Jim Justice to take the reins to build on the progress we’ve made and continue to move West Virginia ahead,” Tomblin said.

With bipartisan cooperation and a dedication to improving life in the Mountain State, we can all hope to make West Virginia a better place to live, too.

COLUMN

Trump lies visible from all angles

By JARED CASTO
MANAGING EDITOR

The new presidential administration brought in their first day by telling a boldfaced lie to the American people based on the petty insecurities of our new president, Donald Trump, and a shameless, blatant disregard for the truth.

Saturday, when millions of Americans took to the streets to join the women’s marches that swept the nation, Donald Trump was more concerned with the reports and photos that showed a meager audience at his inauguration in comparison to Obama’s record-setting 2009 and respectable 2013 turnouts.

It’s almost comical the leader of the free world would have such an easily bruisable ego to care about such a thing in the first place. But Trump, always one to break away from precedent, made his frustrations clear Saturday afternoon. He did so, of all places, in front of the CIA Memorial Wall of Agency, a wall which commemorates CIA officers who have died in the line of duty. It was a stunning sight of sheer narcissism, as Trump crassly suggested that there could have been a million to a million and a half people at the ceremony, a number that even the most generous projections have yet to near.

But this was only the beginning of the downward spiral. Later on, Trump’s press secretary Sean Spicer, in his first White House briefing, declared the event had “the largest audience to ever witness an inauguration, period,” showed photos of the crowd from a dramatically different vantage point as “proof” and stormed out of the briefing room without answering any questions. Spicer refused to walk back his claim in a Monday briefing.

This anxiety only deepened when Kellyanne Conway, counselor to the president, former Trump campaign manager and occasional Civil War cosplayer, told Meet the Press host Chuck Todd that Spicer was simply offering the media “alternative facts” at the press briefing. Todd immediately attacked Conway’s newly invented phrase, but Conway managed to spin and deflect herself out of the controversial, but telling moment, as she often does (it’s, admittedly, sort of impressive). Moments earlier in the broadcast, Conway presented Todd and presumably the entire media, with a thinly veiled threat, implying there may be consequences if some organizations don’t come around to the Trump team’s erroneous vision of the truth.

“If we’re going to keep referring to our press secretary in those types of terms, I think that we’re going to have to rethink our relationship here,” Conway said.

But it’s not the media’s responsibility to have a positive relationship with figures who have a flagrantly inaccurate concept of reality. And there aren’t “alternative facts.” Denying something the American people can see with their own eyes is so insulting that the Trump administration may as well be telling the American people that the sky is red rather than blue (which, who knows what will happen now that the White House website has removed any mention of climate change).

Yes, Spicer was lying to the American people about something so demonstrably false — something you can see with your own eyes — that his appearance had an almost comical tone. But, as the day wore on, Spicer’s ridiculous claim lost its humor as pundits and the American people began to wonder if the Trump administration would be so keen to fib about things that actually matter.

While the inauguration crowd may be a matter of optics, the lies that followed can be seen from any angle: In only a day, and less than forty-eight hours after Trump took his oath, three members of the administration lied to the American people three times, lacking subtly, smarts and shame in all three attempts. These weren’t “falsehoods” and these weren’t “misrepresentations of the facts.” All Americans — those who voted for Trump and otherwise — should take concern with the ease of which this occurred. If the Trump administration can lie about something so utterly meaningless, what might they lie about in the future?



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President Donald Trump speaks at the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Va., Saturday.

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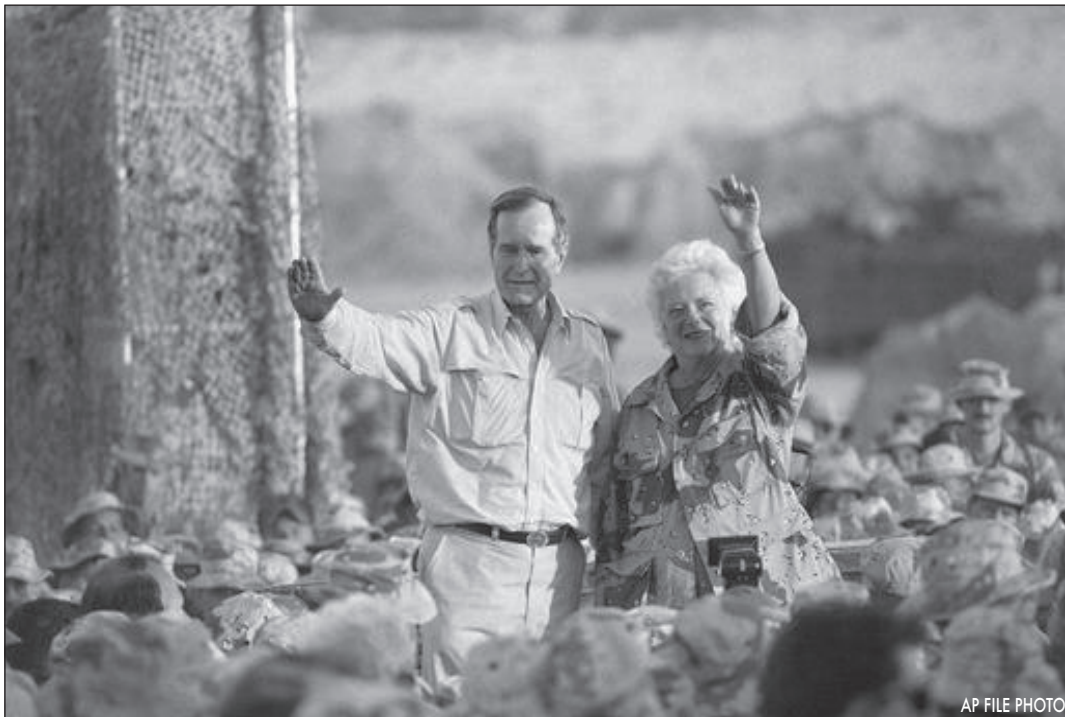
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President George H.W. Bush and first lady Barbara Bush wave to U.S. Marines during a Thanksgiving visit Nov. 22, 1990 at the desert encampment in Saudi Arabia.

Bush ready to leave intensive care, former FLOTUS goes home

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former President George H.W. Bush is still suffering from pneumonia, but is well enough to leave the intensive care unit at a Houston hospital, doctors said Monday. His wife, Barbara, has been discharged from the same facility after completing treatment for bronchitis.

The 92-year-old former president was struggling to breathe when he was admitted to the Houston Methodist Hospital Jan. 14. Last week, he was breathing with the aid of a ventilator in the ICU, but doctors removed the breathing tube on Friday and by Monday were talking about the possibility that he could return home soon.

Dr. Amy Mynderse said at a news conference that the former president is "sitting up, watching TV and is waiting anxiously for his favorite oyster stew for lunch."

"He's on minimal oxygen, joking and laughing with the nurses and doctors," she said.

Dr. Clint Doerr said Bush was still coughing "a fair amount" but that if he continues to improve, he could be discharged from the hospital by Friday or

over the weekend.

"He's excited to get home and he's feeling well," Mynderse said.

Meanwhile, former first lady Barbara Bush, 91, who was admitted to the facility for treatment of bronchitis on Wednesday, is "back to her normal self," Mynderse said. Mrs. Bush was told she could return home Sunday but she opted to stay one more night to fully recover and remain close to her husband, according to family spokesman Jim McGrath.

The couple's 72-year marriage is the longest of any presidential couple in American history, and the doctors said they have been a great support to each other.

"They truly do have just such an amazing love for each other and that really came across here," Mynderse said, adding that Barbara Bush spent much her hospital stay by her husband's side.

"Part of why she ended up, I think, in the hospital was because even though she was ill, she was trying to be by his bedside all the time."

Doerr said: "They're essentially therapy for each other.

They help and are compliant in terms of when one of them doesn't want to take a breathing treatment, the other says, 'Get on that.' It helps our cause."

Bush, who served as president from 1989 to 1993, has a form of Parkinson's disease and uses a motorized scooter or a wheelchair for mobility. He was hospitalized in 2015 in Maine after falling at his summer home and breaking a bone in his neck. He was also hospitalized in Houston the previous December for about a week for shortness of breath. He spent Christmas 2012 in intensive care for a bronchitis-related cough and other issues.

The former president and his wife appear to have touched the medical staff with their humility.

Mynderse told reporters that when she informed the former president she would be speaking at a news conference Monday, he replied: "About what?"

"I said, 'About you!' And he said, 'People want to know about me?'" she said.

"They're so humble. They truly are the most humble people," Mynderse said.

Thousands of bird deaths draw focus on brimming toxic pit

By MATT VOLZ
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was an unusual and unfortunate confluence of events: A larger-than-normal number of geese was making a later-than-normal migration over Montana when a snowstorm blew in at the wrong time and sent them soaring to the wrong place.

The throngs of white birds splashed down in a 50 billion-gallon toxic stew in a former copper mine that is part of the nation's largest Superfund site. At least 3,000 died.

Residents of this mining city say the snow goose deaths this fall were a wake-up call that raises broader questions about whether federal regulators will be ready to prevent the heavily acidic, metal-laden water from contaminating other waterways and Butte's ground water system as the pit nears capacity.

"We need to be prepared, and they're not prepared," former state lawmaker-turned-activist Fritz Daily said. "I'm talking about the environmental future of this town, I'm talking about the economic future of this town, I'm talking about the social future of this town."

The Anaconda Copper Co. mined thousands of miles of tunnels under Butte over a century, finding gold, silver, lead, zinc, manganese and especially copper, and earning the city of 30,000 the nickname "The Richest Hill on Earth." The old mine shafts started flooding when mining there ended in 1982, sending contaminated water into the Berkeley Pit. It's been slowly filling up ever since.

The liquid is expected to reach a critical level in 2023, and environmental officials are finalizing a plan for keeping it from contaminating Butte's groundwater and Silver Bow Creek, a stream at the headwaters of the Columbia River basin.

The critical level of 5,410 feet, set by the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology as the lowest elevation in Butte's drainage system. Above that, water from the pit and flooded mines under

the city could escape into Silver Bow Creek. Fifty feet higher, the pit and mine water would enter the city's groundwater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Atlantic Richfield, which bought Anaconda Copper in 1977; and Montana Resources, owner of an adjacent mine, negotiated a solution that relies on a water treatment plant built near the pit in 2000.

The Horseshoe Bend plant now treats more than 4 million gallons of water a day that would otherwise flow into the pit, and the plan is for it to treat another 3 million gallons a day directly from the pit starting in 2023.

The plant has never handled 7 million gallons at once, but EPA officials say there is enough time for a thorough review to ensure the contaminated water will never escape into the city's Silver Bow Creek, whose banks have yet to be cleaned of the mine waste that was dumped there for decades.

"We're going to really start digging into pilot studies and performance testing ... to determine what kind of upgrades, what kind of redundancies do we need," said EPA project manager Nikia Greene.

Atlantic Richfield and Montana Resources, which operates Horseshoe Bend, are confident the treatment plant will work as designed. Atlantic Richfield spokesman Brett Clanton said the plant received \$1 million worth of upgrades in 2015, and additional improvements will begin by 2019.

Mark Thompson, Montana Resources' environmental affairs manager, compared the plan to a sewage treatment plant that continuously discharges water that meets environmental standards. "It's nothing to be worried about," he said.

The recent mass goose deaths were an anomaly, he said, and activists' attempt to tie them to a threat to Butte's human population is "well overblown."

But community activists worry the treatment-plant option is being favored because it's the cheapest technology, not

necessarily the best.

They also suspect Atlantic Richfield will seek a waiver from the EPA allowing the company to discharge pit water into Silver Bow Creek that does not meet Montana's clean water standards.

If that happens, Silver Bow Creek will be devastated, and the hundreds of millions of dollars spent on cleaning waterways downstream will be erased, according to community coalition Restore Our Creek.

"When you think about the Berkeley pit water, whatever form that takes, it's going to have to go through this one mile," member Evan Barrett said of the creek running through the city. "I think the community understands this mile is critical to our future and also the future of the whole watershed."

Greene acknowledged the EPA is studying a possible waiver of the state's water quality standards, but said he could not elaborate because it is part of confidential negotiations with Atlantic Richfield.

"I'm very confident that whatever discharged water, however it's treated, will not be allowed to be discharged if it affects Silver Bow Creek," Greene said.

Perhaps the community's biggest concern is that there is no strategy for the Berkeley Pit beyond keeping the water from reaching the critical level.

Daily and the Restore Our Creek coalition members said the plan only ensures that Butte will remain a Superfund site forever.

That would be unusual for a program meant to permanently clean places polluted by hazardous pollutants — cleanups of nearly 400 sites across the nation have been completed and removed from the Superfund list as of December, according to the EPA.

The EPA's Greene could not say whether Butte will always be a Superfund site, though he said there will always be some form of operation maintenance for the treatment plant plan.

"That's a tough question," he said. "I guess Superfund is going to be there for a long time."

News in Brief

Plans unveiled for beneath I-64 overpass

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Charleston group is proposing development opportunities for the space beneath the Interstate 64 overpass near downtown Charleston.

The Charleston Gazette-Mail reports that last week, Charleston Main Streets West Side program director Steven Romano presented to the Strong Neighborhood Task Force a set of conceptual renderings for Gallery 64, a long-term project to transform the area into a hub for various public uses.

Romano says possibilities include RV parking, rain gardens, sports courts and a farmers' market. Lighting would be increased in the area through art installations.

Romano says a path could be built between two areas that aren't currently connected: Washington Street and Kanawha Boulevard.

City planners don't yet have a timeline for construction. Romano says the next step is making the public aware of Gallery 64.

One person dead in vacant house fire

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Firefighters found one person dead while responding to a blaze at a vacant Huntington house.

Huntington Interim Fire Chief Jan Rader tells local media that a passer-by noticed the flames shortly before 7 p.m. Saturday. Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire shooting from the second floor of the two-story house.

When firefighters took hoses inside the house and up the stairs, Rader says they found one person dead at the top of the steps.

There was no indication that anyone else was in the house.

Rader says the house had been unoccupied for at least five years. Investigators found drug paraphernalia inside the house.

The name of the victim hasn't been released.

The state fire marshal and Huntington police are continuing to investigate the incident.

BOE has yet to start superintendent search

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four months after West Virginia schools Superintendent Michael Martirano announced he will step down at the end of the school year, the state school board has yet to begin looking for a successor.

The Charleston Gazette-Mail reports school board members indicated last week the search process hasn't started. Since Martirano's announcement in September, the board hasn't discussed the issue in public at its monthly meetings.

Board member Tom Campbell suggests getting feedback first from new Gov. Jim Justice.

Martirano, whose wife died after a prolonged illness, had said he wanted to be closer to his adult children in Maryland. He didn't immediately return a message left Monday with a Department of Education spokeswoman.

Board president Mike Green says the board plans to have a new superintendent by July 1.

W.Va. sex offender killed in prison

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

West Virginia corrections officials say a 66-year-old inmate at the Mount Olive Correctional Complex has died after an apparent assault.

They say Eugene Robert Anderson was fatally injured in an outdoor recreation area about 6 p.m. Sunday by one or more inmates.

According to the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, the facility was placed on lockdown and a weapon was found.

No one was immediately charged. State police are investigating.

Anderson was serving sentences from Kanawha and Wood counties for sex offenses involving minors with no release before 2148.

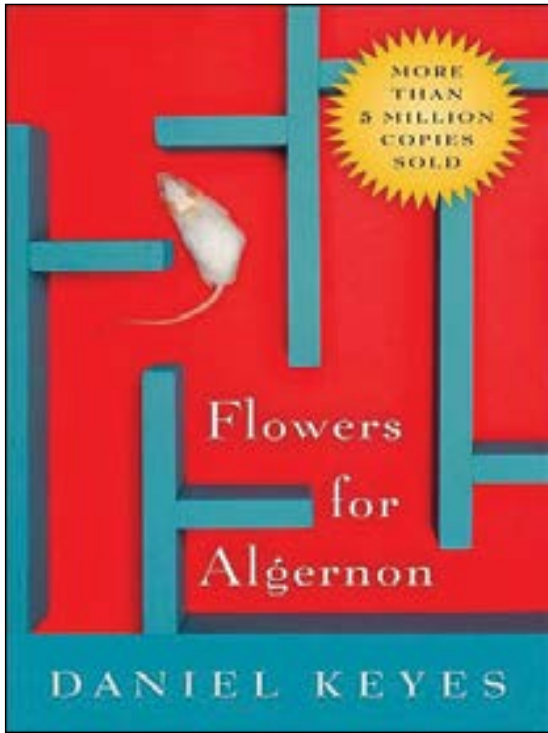
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The Book Nook:
“Flowers for Algernon”



By DALTON MONK
FOR THE PARTHENON

I find it hard to suggest this book without describing the way it will cut open your chest and intertwine its depiction with your heart only to rip it out in the end. Daniel Keyes writes a perpetual novel that searches for the answers to happiness.

“Flowers for Algernon” delineates a story where a man born with low mental abilities has a new procedure performed that is supposed to enhance his IQ. However Charlie Gordon finds that his prior and latter IQ separate him from society in a way that every human wants to be included. While venturing through his new

Einstein-like lenses of the world, Charlie finds friendship through the lab mouse, Algernon, that experiences the same procedure, struggles to break free of the demeaning idea of him as an experiment rather than a human, battles with his identity and falls in love with his teacher, Alice, who finds the transformation of Charlie to be more than eerie and even belittling at times. Keyes’ first person writing style will imprint itself in your brain and keep you wondering about Charlie as you set the book down to study. Regardless of the little time you have on your hands, you should, just like everyone else, read “Flowers for Algernon” as an enjoyment and challenge. It will more than likely be one of the most memorable books you’ll ever read. Dalton Monk can be contacted at monk25@marshall.edu.

New York Times Bestseller Helen Macdonald to host discussion at Marshall University

By ALEXIA LILLY
THE PARTHENON

Students have the opportunity to spend the evening with New York Times bestselling author Helen Macdonald at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. She will be discussing her award-winning book “H is for Hawk” during the event. “H is for Hawk” won the 2014 Samuel Johnson Prize and the Costa Book Award. The book has been translated into 25 different languages and is being developed into a movie by Lena Headey, the star of HBO’s hit show “Game of Thrones.” President Obama even claimed “H is for Hawk” as one of his favorite reads when he placed Macdonald’s book at the top of his summer reading list. The evening with her Feb. 4 will be an opportune time for the community to learn more about her book, her work as a writer for the New York Times Magazine and her BBC/PBS documentary.



Author Helen Macdonald is the recipient of the 2014 Samuel Johnson Prize and the Costa book Award.

“There is something about authors that is inspiring,” said Nicole Lane, sophomore forensic chemistry major. “The life of an author is interesting and gives an alternative point of view on life that is refreshing. Yet another great opportunity for Marshall students.” Director of Marketing & External Affairs for the Marshall Artists

Series Angela Jones said the executive director thought this event would be of interest to Marshall students. “Our executive director works with agents across the country,” Jones said. “She saw that this event has been at UCLA and Pittsburgh. She talked to agents, and she found it really interesting and wanted to bring it to Marshall.” The event will include discussion of the book and its meaning to Macdonald, as it is a memoir of her life. The evening with Macdonald will give the crowd insight into personal experiences and her life changing journey of taming an actual hawk, all while coping with the loss of her photojournalist father. Tickets are available now at the Marshall Artist Series Box Office located within the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Alexia Lilly can be contacted at lilly207@marshall.edu.

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